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1. No separate units are specifically designated for supplying Soviet troop units in Germany. It is the duty of the individual unit or command to draw its own supplies and actual procurement is governed by the unit T/O & E.

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at Riesa:

(a) Food and Fodder (Class I)  
 (b) Clothing and equipment (Class II)  
 (c) Ordnance and Technical Supplies (Class II)  
 (d) POL (Class III)  
 (e) Armored Forces Supplies (Class III)  
 (f) Military Technical Supplies (VIT - Voenno-Tekhnicheskoye Imushchestvo, Class II). This depot contained engineer equipment and chemical warfare protective equipment.

2. The 9th Tank Division, as well as other divisions and units which were a part of the 1st Mechanized Army, received:

(a) Food and forage supplies from the Army Class I Supply Depot located at Dresden.  
 (b) Clothing, equipment and athletic supplies from the Army Clothing and Equipment Supply Depot located in Dresden.  
 (c) Chemical equipment from the GOFG Chemical Depot located in Finsterwalde.  
 (d) Engineer equipment from the Army Depot located in Zeithain.  
 (e) Ordnance, technical supplies and ammunition from the Army Depot located in Zeithain.  
 (f) POL supplies from the Army POL Depot located in Radebeul, a suburb of Dresden.  
 (g) Armored Forces supplies from the Army Amored Forces Supply Depot (Avto-Tankovoye Imushchestvo) located in Dresden.

3. All depots at Army level are commanded by the Army Chiefs of Staff. Consequently, the release of supplies from these depots to any point in Germany is governed by their orders and permission. All supplies received by the Army depots are sent

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to the divisional depots and, from that point, are issued to the regiments according to their needs. The regiments draw perishable foods every three days from the divisional depots and, in the case of other foods, every ten days.

4. At the present time I know of no plan in the Soviet Army for moving supply dumps toward the west prior to hostile action, and I do not know what the level of stock on hand must be at supply installations before the Soviet Armed Forces would be committed to combat operations. Emergency rations, including all classes of supplies, ie, food, Soviet manufactured field kitchens, POL supplies, weapons, and ammunition are stored separately from current supplies. They are accounted for in special books which are classified Top Secret. Tobacco, tea and spices are sent from the USSR to Germany. Food items produced in Germany and delivered to GOFG as reparations by the German Government are as follows: meat, macaroni, all types of groats, sugar, canned fish and meat, herring fish, flour, fruit preserves, butter, lard, potatoes, vegetables and cigarettes.

5. Such supplies as uniforms and equipment which are produced in the Soviet Zone in excess of the requirements of the Soviet Army in Germany, are shipped to the USSR. Gasoline is also shipped to the USSR. [redacted] near Brest, [redacted] gasoline being unloaded at Zhabinka, 25 kilometers from Brest, for transshipment to the USSR.

6. Only chemical warfare protective equipment such as gas masks, protective covers, protective clothing, etc, is kept at divisional and regimental supply points. There are no special items of chemical warfare equipment in the supply points of the lower echelons. I believe that such items are kept in the GOFG supply point in Finsterwalde. The 9th Division chemical supplies are stored in Riesa.

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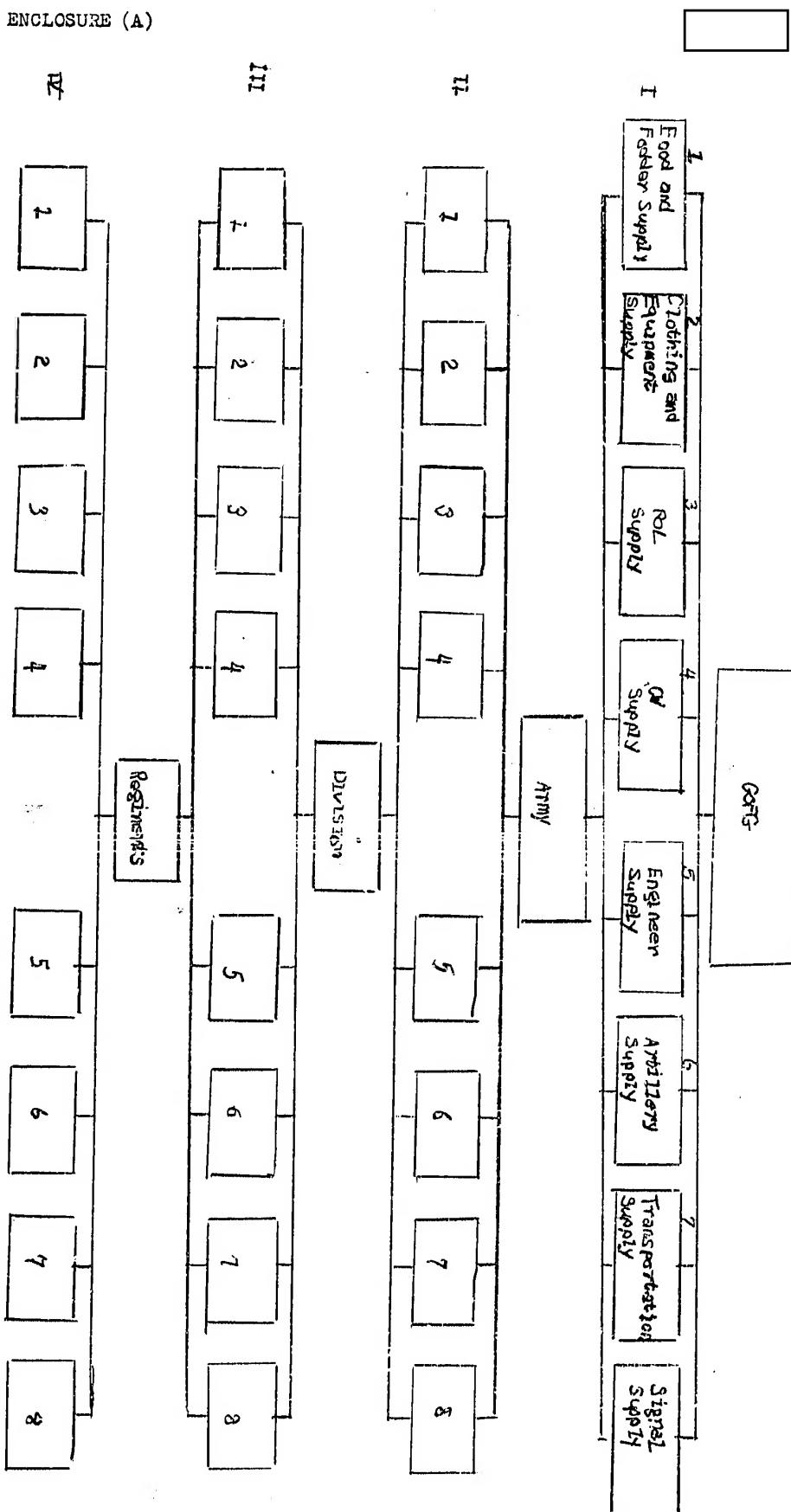
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